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SUBJECT: CG TORONTO REORGANIZATION--ANTI-TERRORISM/SECURITY FACTORS

REF: TORONTO 1196 AND 1242

1. AS RESULT REFTELS AND AT SUGGESTION OF BUREAU, EMBASSY ADMIN COUNSELOR VISITED TORONTO AUGUST 23 TO REVIEW WITH CONGEN AND SENIOR STAFF REORGANIZATION PROPOSAL AS SET FORTH REFTELS. AS DEPT WELL AWARE, PHYSICAL LAYOUT CONGEN LONG AGO OUTMODED DUE TO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE STATUTORY WORKLOAD SINCE BUILDING CONSTRUCTED IN 1947. IN ADDITION TO THE NEAR DISGRACEFUL FACILITIES FOR HANDLING OUR VISA APPLICANTS WHICH MUST PREVAIL IN THESE CROWDED CONDITIONS, A SERIOUS SITUATION FROM A SECURITY STANDPOINT IS CLEARLY EVIDENT EVEN TO THE CASUAL OBSERVER, NOT TO MENTION WOULD BE TO TERRORISTS.

2. THE PLAN AS CURRENTLY ENVISAGED WOULD PROVIDE A WELL ORGANIZED AND CONTROLLED FLOW OF NIV APPLICANTS IN A SELF-CONTAINED AREA OF THE BUILDING. CROWDS WOULD NO LONGER LINE ONE OF THE MOST PRESIGIOUS STREETS IN TORONTO (ONE BLOCK FROM CITY HALL) LITTERING

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THE SIDEWALK WITH DISCARDED MOBILE CANTEEN WRAPPERS.

THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S GUESTS WOULD NOT BE  
JOSTLED BY IRATE VISA APPLICANTS WHO CANNOT  
DISTINGUISH A PRIVATE VISITOR FROM ONE OF THEIR OWN  
AND OFTEN REFUSE TO LET THE VISITOR "JUMP THE QUEUE" AND ENTER  
THE FRONT DOOR. IN SUM, THE EMBASSY SUPPORTS THE CONSUL GENERAL'S  
PROPOSAL AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDS ACTION BE TAKEN NOW TO AVOID  
SIMILAR BEDLAM NEXT SPRING.

3. ALTHOUGH MUCH OF THE WORK TO BE DONE WOULD NORMALLY  
BE FBO RELATED AND FUNDED, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT  
THE SECURITY RELATED FACTORS ARE OF PRIME IMPORTANCE  
IN THIS CASE AND THEREFORE COSTS, TO A LARGE DEGREE,  
SHOULD MOST PROBABLY COME FROM ANTI-TERRORISM FUNDS.  
PARTICULARLY IDENTIFIABLE SECURITY ITEMS, AS OUTLINED  
TORONTO 1242, PARA 10, ARE: ITEMS A, B, D, E, F, G,  
H, I, K, L AND M. THE FINAL DECISION AS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS  
USED IN FUNDING OBVIOUSLY RESTS WITH THE DEPT.

4. PARA 8 OF TORONTO'S 1242 RAISES THE QUESTION OF  
RELOCATING OTHER AGENCIES. IN AN EFFORT TO RETAIN SAS  
CONTRIBUTORS, THE CG AND THE EMBASSY HAVE AGREED TO A  
REVISION OF PLANS, THEREBY ALLOWING ENOUGH SPACE TO PERMIT  
OCCUPANCY BY DEA PERSONNEL. AS THERE ARE NO FORMAL  
ARRANGEMENTS WITH IRS AND SOCIAL SECURITY FOR SPACE  
OCCUPANCY IN THE CONSULATE, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE  
APPROPRIATE FOR THESE TWO AGENCIES TO FIND COMMERCIAL SPACE.

5. PERSONNEL NEEDS OUTLINED IN TORONTO'S 1196 WILL BE  
SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL.

6. THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ARE ANXIOUSLY AWAITED.  
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